

Saint Matthew's Prayer List

As a family of faith, we are empowered by our Father in heaven, through His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to petition Him for those who are in need. Let us raise our voices together and ask Him who rescued us from sin, death, and the evil one, to help those close to our hearts here at Saint Matthew's.

For our sick and shut-ins:

Arnold Schildknecht; Dorothy Pendleton; Frieda Graef; Helen Clute (*at Dell Ridge Nursing Home*); Henry Sohl; Johanna Bensen; Betty Born; Ruth Andl (*recovering from a knee replacement*); Alan Mruzinsky (*recovering from surgery*); Nora Muller (*recovering from a broken foot at the Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Home in Emerson*); Bill Muller (*as he prepares for surgery this week*)

For our congregational friends:

Dorothy Neu (*for God's strength and guidance, resident at Woodcrest Center in New Milford*); Karen Calloway (*niece of Channing and Joan Wilson, battling cancer*); Joseph Catalano (*dear friend of Linda Rose and Augie Napoli, suffering from prostate cancer*); Robert Fois (*friend of Pastor Iovine's, for strength*); Antonio Iovine (*Pastor Iovine's father, recovering from colon cancer surgery*); Angelo Iovine (*Pastor Iovine's brother, for God's guidance and a strengthening of faith*); Jeffrey and Dorothy Balancio (*friends of Pastor Iovine, for strength as they await the second trial of their son's murderer*); Florence DeMarlo (*friend of Nora and Bill Muller, battling breast cancer*); Rev. Jack Wangerin (*recovering from a broken pelvis and skin graft surgery*); Takeshi Tsuro (*father of Yuriko Wangerin, battling liver cancer*); Diane Scroggins (*mother of a friend of Pastor Iovine, battling breast cancer*)

For our military:

For all soldiers fighting in the Middle East. We remember especially Kevin Alger, a Special Forces soldier and a friend of the Butz Family, who is stationed in the region. Remember his family and all families of our military personnel who are far away from home in this dangerous region.

For an LC-MS Congregation:

For Saint Athanasius Evangelical Lutheran Church in Vienna, Virginia, especially remembering their pastor, Rev. James Douthwaite, and his family.

Our Eternal Candle: We keep it lit for all of our military personnel (sponsored by Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church)

May 21—May 26, 2007
Easter 7

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Morning Prayer

Invocation: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pray the Collect for the Week: O King of glory, Lord of hosts, You are uplifted in triumph far above the heavens. We pray, do not leave us without comfort, but send us the promised Spirit of truth, that in Him, we may be one. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Morning Readings:

Monday:	Psalm 104:25-45, 37
Tuesday:	Romans 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Psalm 143
Thursday:	Genesis 11:1-9
Friday:	Acts 2:1-21
Saturday:	John 14: 23-31

Recite the Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty...

Pray the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven...

Pray Individual Petitions

Pray for those on our church prayer list on the back

Pray Luther's Morning Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger, and I pray that You would keep me this day from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life my please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing: Now our Almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and Holy Spirit, be with us this day. Amen.

With the love of God in your hearts, tackle the day with vigor.

Evening Prayer

Invocation: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Hymn of the Week:

The Tree of Life

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The tree of life with every good in Eden's holy orchard stood,
And of its fruit so pure and sweet God let the man and woman eat.
Yet in this garden also grew another tree of which they knew;
It's lovely limbs with fruit adorned against whose eating God had warned.

The stillness of that sacred grove was broken as the serpent strove
With tempting voice Eve to beguile and Adam too by sin defile
O day of sadness when the breath of fear and darkness doubt and death,
Its awful poison first displayed within the world so newly made.

What mercy God showed to our race, a plan of rescue by His grace:
In sending One from woman's seed, the One to fill our greatest need—
For on a tree uplifted high His only Son for sin would die
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread to crush the ancient serpent's head!

Now from the tree of Jesus' shame flows life eternal in His name;
For all who trust and will believe, salvations living fruit receive.
And of this fruit so pure and sweet the Lord invites the world to eat,
To find within this cross of wood the tree of life with every good.

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Evening Readings:

Monday: Psalm 21

Tuesday: Psalm 22

Wednesday: Psalm 23

Thursday: Psalm 24

Friday: Psalm 25

Saturday: Psalm 26

Recite the Apostle's Creed:

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Pray the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

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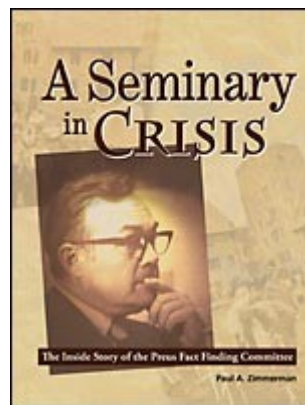
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Pray Luther's Evening Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing: Now our Almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and Holy Spirit, be with us this day. Amen

Now go to sleep in good cheer!



NEW from Concordia Publishing House

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